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Jewelry

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June 4, 1973

Mr. Mark E. Neely, Jr.
Editor, Lincoln Lore
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46801

Dear Mr. Neely:

Enclosed you will find articles concerning our most recent accessions of objects associated with Abraham Lincoln complete with photographs which you may find appropriate for inclusion in Lincoln Lore. We are most fortunate in having such an outstanding Lincoln collection here in the Smithsonian Institution and I think the public should be made aware of it. As time permits, I shall try to write up some of the other Lincolniana in the national collections.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert R. Collins

Herbert R. Collins
Associate Curator
Division of Political History

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Lincoln Mourning Ring (Accession 227739, donor: Ralph E. Becker)

Mourning rings and medals for our American Presidents were made as early as 1800 for the death of our first President who died in December, 1799.

This particular ring is enclosed in its original box which resembles a miniature chest and is green in color. The ring is a itself/white cameo type against a black background, the ring being gold. Unfortunately no history came with the ring.